

Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year ending December 31

1959

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1959

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1959

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

Osmon M. Collins	(Term Expires 1960)
James J. Page	(Term Expires 1961)
John Boutin, Sr.	(Term Expires 1962)

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin Forrest E. Clark Lena Collins

Constable: Percival R. Gregory, Jr.

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

James M. Leonard	(Term Expires 1960)
Forrest E. Clark	(Term Expires 1961)
William J. Harris	(Appointed in 1959 Term Expires 1960)

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

Sexton: John G. Elliott, Jr.

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Fence Viewers:

Priscilla Boutin

Iona Boutin

Overseer of Public Welfare: Ethel A. Boutin

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Civil Defense Director: Ruth F. Page

Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin

Mildred Elliott

Grace Gregory

William Harris

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 8th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, Osmon Collins being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years, James M. Leonard being the outgoing member; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of two years, William J. Harris having been appointed for the year 1959; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94.24 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12.86 to the White Mountains Region Association for the purpose of uniting with the 45 other towns in the Association in publicizing and otherwise promoting the natural and commercial factors upon which the economy of the North Country is based.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the benefit of the Cottage Hospital Building Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a dump truck to replace the present town truck.

Article 6. If the Town votes favorably on Article 5,

to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow the money needed for the purchase of the dump truck.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 8. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector deeds.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day as in past years.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano.

Article 15. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 30th day of January, A.D., 1960.

OSMON M. COLLINS

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1960

Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1960 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1959

	Actual 1959	Estimated 1960
SOURCES OF REVENUE		
From State of New Hampshire:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 181.41	\$ 175.00
Railroad Tax	12.21	5.38
Savings Bank Tax	12.93	12.00
Reimbursement a/c Town Road Aid	1,248.19	722.53
Bounties		50.00
National Forest Reserve	1,946.36	1,600.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	395.38	
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	181.54	377.19
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	58.00	45.00
Income from Trust Funds		250.00
Interest Received on Taxes	41.24	40.00
Rent of Town Truck	1,104.77	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	651.91	600.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Notes:		
Tax Anticipation Note	300.00	
Cash Surplus	1,500.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	114.00	100.00
Yield Taxes	160.46	2,000.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$7,908.20	\$6,977.10
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	3,208.20	2,573.29
TOTAL REVENUES		\$9,550.39

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1960

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1960 Compared with Actual EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1959

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1959	Estimated 1960
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$442.00	\$450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	400.73	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	120.00	325.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	90.56	100.00
Police Department	10.00	15.00
Fire Department	162.75	100.00
Bounties	10.50	50.00
Health Department	5.00	105.00
Vital Statistics	8.00	10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	904.33	1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	679.08	1,000.00
Fall Flood Damage	496.95	
Town Road Aid	1,113.23	722.53
Expenses of Town Truck	1,033.66	800.00
Old Age Assistance	166.32	250.00
Memorial Day	17.51	20.00
Cemeteries	160.95	150.00
Regional Association	12.72	12.86
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	3.00	
On Long Term Notes		240.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Long Term Note		1,000.00
County Taxes	240.50	250.00
School Taxes	4,698.88	2,550.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,776.67	\$9,550.39

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1959

Land and Buildings	\$92,430.00
Electric Plants	
New England Power Co.	\$28,750.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,865.00
White Mountain Power Co.	35.00
	32,650.00
Stock in Trade	300.00
Horses (9)	875.00
Cows (81)	10,100.00
Neat Stock (5)	400.00
Sheep (3)	30.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (2)	200.00
Portable Mill	1,000.00
TOTAL GROSS VALUATION	\$137,985.00
Less: Veterans' Exemptions	— 4575.00
Net valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$133,410.00
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans	\$4,575.00
Number of Inventories Distributed	97
Number of Inventories Returned	48
Number of Veterans Who Received Property Exemption	6
Number of Veterans Exempted from Poll Tax	10

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1959

Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries	\$450.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00	
Election and Registration Expenses	65.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	100.00	
Police Department	15.00	
Fire Department	100.00	
Health Department	5.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00	
Town Road Aid	91.64	
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00	
Town Truck Expenses	800.00	
Old Age Assistance	250.00	
Memorial Day	20.00	
Cemeteries	150.00	
Regional Association	12.72	
County Tax	240.50	
School Tax	3,762.85	
		\$8,267.71

Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest on Taxes	\$50.00	
Interest and Dividends Tax	181.41	
Railroad Tax	12.21	
Savings Bank Tax	12.93	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	600.00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,000.00	
Dog Licenses	35.00	
Rent of Town Truck	500.00	
Income from Trust Funds	125.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600.00	
Cash Surplus	1,500.00	
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	181.54	
		5,298.09
		\$2,969.62
Plus Overlay		344.58
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		\$3,314.20
Less Poll Taxes		— 106.00
Amount to be Raised to Property Taxes		\$3,208.20
(Net Valuation \$133,675 x Tax Rate \$2.40 = \$3,208.20)		

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1959

Title of Appropriation	Receipts and		Total Amount Available	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance	Over- draft
	Amount	Reimburse- ments				
Town Officers' Salaries	450.00		\$450.00	\$442.00	\$8.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00		400.00	400.73		\$.73
Election & Registration	65.00		65.00	120.00		55.00
Town Buildings Maintenance	100.00		100.00	90.56	9.44	
Police Department	15.00		15.00	10.00	5.00	
Fire Department	100.00		100.00	162.75		62.75
Health Department	5.00		5.00	5.00		
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	8.00		3.00
Town Road Aid	91.64	\$1,156.55*	1,248.19	1,113.23	134.96	
Town Maintenance—Summer	800.00		800.00	904.33		104.33
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		1,000.00	679.08	320.92	
Fall Flood Damage	800.00	1,104.77†	1,904.77	1,033.66	871.11	
Town Truck Account	250.00	395.38‡	645.38	166.32	479.06	
Old Age Assistance	20.00		20.00	17.51	2.49	
Memorial Day	150.00		150.00	160.95		10.95
Cemeteries	12.72		12.72	12.72		
Regional Association	240.50		240.50	240.50		
County Tax	3,762.85	973.18¶	4,736.03	5,672.06		936.03
School Tax						
	\$8,267.71	\$3,629.88	\$11,897.59	\$11,736.35	\$1,830.98	\$1,669.74
				Overdraft	— 1,669.74	
				Net Unexpended Balance \$ 161.24		

* Reimbursement a/c Town Road Aid, 1959 and prior years

† Receipts from truck hire

‡ Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance

¶ ½ 1959 National Forest Reserve

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1959

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer 12/31/59	\$2,944.19
Unredeemed Taxes	
Levy of 1958	\$120.87
Levy of 1957	151.93
Previous Years	245.87
	518.67
Uncollected Taxes	
Levy of 1959	\$1,447.11
Levy of 1958	46.50
Levy of 1957	91.40
Previous Years	67.38
State Head Taxes—1959	115.00
State Head Taxes—Prev. Years	5.00
	1,772.39
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,235.25

LIABILITIES

Due to State	
State Head Taxes—1959	\$185.00
Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Retirement	244.72
	\$ 429.72
Due to School District	
Balance of Appropriation	2,549.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,979.69
Surplus	2,255.56
	\$5,235.25

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building and School	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Office Building	300.00
Furniture and Equipment	75.00
Town Truck and Snowplow	1,500.00
	\$7,875.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received from 1959 Motor Vehicle Permits	
79 Permits	\$651.91
Received from Dog Licenses	
2 1957 Licenses	\$ 7.00
4 1958 Licenses	11.00
12 1959 Licenses	29.00
	47.00
	\$698.91

Vital Statistics
 Marriages 1
 Births 2
 Deaths 11

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH F. PAGE

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD D, AND STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/59	Levy of 1959	Levy of 1958	Levy of 1957	Levy of 1956	Levy of 1955	Levy of 1954	Levy of 1953	Levy of 1952
Property Taxes	\$3,201.84	\$ 444.50		\$ 2.00				
Poll Taxes	106.00	42.00						
Yield Taxes	1,248.41	128.42	\$ 91.40		\$ 36.40	\$ 6.16	\$ 14.73	\$ 8.09
State Head Taxes	315.00	125.00		5.00				
Interest Collected		29.09						
Penalties Collected		12.00						
Overpayment to Treasurer	14.41	.15						
TOTAL DEBITS	\$4,885.66	\$ 781.16	\$ 91.40	\$ 7.00	\$ 36.40	\$ 6.16	\$ 14.73	\$ 8.09

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer					
Property Taxes	\$ 444.50				
Poll Taxes	72.00				
Yield Taxes	78.54				
State Head Taxes	200.00				
Interest Collected	29.24				
Penalties Collected	12.00				
Discount Allowed	64.18				
Uncollected Taxes					
Property Taxes	243.24				
Poll Taxes	34.00				
Yield Taxes	1,169.87	\$ 46.50	\$ 91.40	\$ 2.00	
State Head Taxes	115.00			5.00	
TOTAL CREDITS.	\$4,885.66	\$ 781.16	\$ 91.40	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.09

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1959

CREDITS

Respectfully submitted,

Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Taxes

1958 Property Tax Collected	\$444.50
1958 Poll Tax Collected	42.00
1958 Yield Tax Collected	81.92
1958 State Head Tax Collected	125.00
1958 Interest, Costs, and Penalties Collected	41.24

\$ 734.66

1959 Property Tax Collected	\$2,908.83
1959 Poll Tax Collected	72.00
1959 Yield Tax Collected	78.54
1959 State Head Tax Collected	200.00

3,259.37

Motor Vehicle Permits

1959 Permits	651.91
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Dog Licenses

1957 Licenses	\$ 7.00
1958 Licenses	11.00
1959 Licenses	40.00

58.00

State of New Hampshire

Class V Highway

Maintenance Allotment	\$181.54
Interest and Dividends Tax	181.41
Railroad Tax	12.21
Savings Bank Tax	12.93
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	395.38

National Forest Reserve	1,946.36	
Reimbursement a/c		
Town Road Aid	1,248.19	
		3,978.02
Town Truck Hire		
Town of Benton	\$492.68	
State Work on County Road	392.09	
State Work on Bridges	151.20	
Steve Burton	44.80	
John Boutin, Sr.	20.00	
Donald Finn	3.00	
John G. Elliott, Jr.	1.00	
		1,104.77
Tax Anticipation Note		
Woodsville National Bank		300.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$10,086.73
Balance on Hand 1/1/59		5,469.85
		15,556.58
Less Selectmen's Orders		— 12,612.39
Balance on Hand 12/31/59		\$ 2,944.19

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

James M. Leonard, trustee		\$ 8.00
Forrest E. Clark, trustee		8.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	\$25.00	
Settling '58 accounts	8.00	
Assessing	16.00	
		49.00
Osmon M. Collins, selectman	25.00	
Settling '58 accounts	8.00	
Tax Commission meeting	4.00	
Assessing	16.00	
		53.00
James J. Page, selectman	75.00	
Settling '58 accounts	25.00	
Assessing	16.00	
		116.00
Ethel Boutin, auditor	20.00	
Overseer of public welfare	10.00	
		30.00
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	50.00	
Settling '58 accounts	20.00	
		70.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	50.00	
Tax sale	8.00	
		58.00

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00
	442.00

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

James M. Leonard, meals and mileage for trustees	5.30
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., safe deposit box	8.80
Association of N. H. Assessors, 1958 and 1959 dues	6.00
F. J. Shores, Register, transfers	1.62
Charles A. Wood, Register, transfers and tax sale	1.92
Francis H. Lackie, legal advice	5.00
Ethel A. Boutin, postage	1.60
Telephone	1.60
Groceries for town poor	20.73
	23.93
Courier Printing Co., Inc., town reports	180.91
Osmon M. Collins, mileage	4.25
James J. Page, postage and supplies	5.50
John Boutin, Sr., telephone	2.92
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	47.48
George E. Quig Ins. Service, officers' bonds	26.80
N. H. City & Town Clerks' Assoc., 1959 dues	3.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills	3.40
Forestry and Recreation Comm., fire maps	2.00
Recording & Statistical Corp., auto and truck guide	7.50
P. R. Gregory, Jr., dog fees	.60
Francis H. Lackie, postage	8.74
Ruth F. Page, dog fees	3.20
Motor Vehicle fees	39.50
	42.70
Priscilla Boutin, postage	4.36

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Woodsville National Bank, charges	8.00
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400.73

Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

Lena Collins, supervisor	32.00
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Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	32.00
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Forrest E. Clark, supervisor	24.00
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Town Meeting

John Boutin, Sr., selectman	8.00
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Osmon Collins, selectman	8.00
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James J. Page, moderator	8.00
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Ruth F. Page, town clerk	8.00
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32.00

120.00

Detail 4. Town Buildings Maintenance

John G. Elliott, Sr., repairs	7.50
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Woodsville Furniture Co., repairs	3.06
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Page Hill Farms, fuel	80.00
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90.56

Detail 5. Police Department

P. R. Gregory, Jr., constable	10.00
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Detail 6. Fire Department

Jones' Fire

Town of Warren	34.00
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Haverhill Corner Fire Department	128.75
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162.75

Detail 7. Bounties

William Merrill (19)	9.50
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Lewis Boutin (2)	1.00
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10.50

Detail 8. Health Department

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	5.00
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Detail 9. Vital Statistics

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	8.00
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**Detail 10. Town Road Aid (Work done by
Town and reimbursed by State)**

Treasurer, State of N. H., appropriation	91.64
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Labor

John Boutin, Sr.	254.57
Albert Boutin	168.27
John Harris	36.00
Lewis Boutin	19.00
John Boutin, Jr.	11.97

489.81

Equipment Hire

Arthur D. Bigelow	266.25
George Tyler	120.50
Town of Benton	61.18
John Boutin, Sr.	26.25

474.18

Gravel, etc.

William Clough, gravel	32.00
Wirthmore Stores, chloride	25.60

57.60

1,113.23

Detail 11. Town Road Maintenance—Summer**Labor**

John Boutin, Sr.	177.00
John Boutin, Jr.	97.00
Joseph N. Boutin	76.00
Albert Boutin	31.00

Lewis Boutin	30.00
John G. Elliott, Sr.	24.00
John Harris	11.00
Ernest G. Coates	11.00

 457.00

Equipment Hire

Arthur D. Bigelow	154.00
Town of Benton	84.00
John Boutin, Sr.	54.00
Town of Haverhill	37.50
Forrest E. Clark	20.00

 349.50

Gravel

Norman Williams	17.20
Ernest G. Coates	10.00
William Clough	5.60

 32.80

Supplies

Robert Varney Lumber Co., Inc.	50.63
Scruggs Hardware	12.40
John Boutin, Jr.	2.00

 65.03

 904.33
Detail 12. Town Road Maintenance—Winter

Labor

John Boutin, Jr.	116.00
John Boutin, Sr.	98.00
Joseph N. Boutin	73.00
Ernest G. Coates	28.00
Lewis Boutin	27.00

John Harris	14.00	
Lloyd Mason	9.00	
John G. Elliott, Sr.	2.00	
		367.00
Equipment Hire		
Town of Benton	275.50	
Town of Bath	15.00	
		290.50
Repairs		
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	12.88	
Ideal Welding Shop	8.70	
		21.58
		679.08
Detail 13. Fall Flood Damage		
Labor		
John Boutin, Sr.	97.00	
Albert Boutin	36.00	
John Harris	24.00	
John Boutin, Jr.	20.00	
		177.00
Equipment Hire		
Arthur D. Bigelow	140.25	
Town of Benton	72.00	
Town of Haverhill	60.00	
Page Hill Farms	11.50	
		283.75
Gravel		
Ernest G. Coates	18.00	
William Clough	10.00	

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Norman Williams	8.20	
		36.20
		496.95

Detail 14. Town Truck Expenses

Repairs

H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co.	242.06	
Stub's Service Station	74.35	
		316.41

Gas and Oil

Edith J. Yeaton	311.48	
Bearse's General Store	18.45	
Stub's Service Station	14.17	
Aldrich's General Store	4.00	
		348.10

Insurance

R. T. Bartlett Ins. Agency	56.60
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Work on County Road and Bridges
(Reimbursed by State)

John Boutin, Sr.	101.08	
John Boutin, Jr.	91.77	
Joseph N. Boutin	66.50	
Albert Boutin	53.20	
		312.55
		1,033.66

Detail 15. Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire	166.32
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Detail 16. Memorial Day

Supplies		
E. B. Mann & Co.	7.00	
F. J. Norris Co.	9.15	
George Taylor	1.36	
		17.51

Detail 17. Cemeteries

Labor		
John G. Elliott, Jr., sexton		154.50
Supplies		
Scruggs Hardware	3.25	
John G. Elliott, Jr.	3.20	
		6.45
		160.95

Detail 18. Regional Association

White Mountains Region Association	12.72
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Detail 19. Taxes Bought by Town

Francis H. Lackie, collector	120.87
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**Detail 20. Payment to State a/c Yield Tax
Debt Retirement**

State Treasurer	184.12
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Detail 21. Interest on Tax Anticipation Note

Woodsville National Bank	3.00
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Detail 22. Payment on Tax Anticipation Note

Woodsville National Bank	300.00
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Detail 23. State Head Taxes

State Treasurer	257.55
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Detail 24. County Tax

Lawrence M. Colby, Treasurer	240.50
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Detail 25. Payments to School Districts

Appropriation	4,698.88	
1/2 National Forest Reserve	973.18	
		5,672.06

Total Payments		\$12,612.39
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TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1959

There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown (\$183.95) is that received during the year 1959 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Amount of Fund	Distribution of Income		
		Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$ 12.90	\$	\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	5.00		
J. C. Speed	126.08	3.80		
Whitcher & Kendall	179.00	5.41		
Wm. T. Torsey	43.09	1.30		
Samuel Annis	43.08	1.30		
Jonithan Davis	43.09	1.30		
George H. Clark	179.58	5.42		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.50		
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.50		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	3.02		
Isabella M. Tyler	50.00	1.50		
	\$6,577.11	\$ 67.45	\$ 58.25	\$ 58.25

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEONARD
FORREST E. CLARK

Trustees

LIBRARY FUNDS

Report of Trustee

The Library funds, which are deposited in a savings account in the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank in Woodsville, N. H., amounted to \$96.71 at the beginning of 1959. Interest of \$2.91 received during the year brought the funds to \$99.62 at the end of 1959. No money was expended during the year.

The Benton Library has been discontinued and this money, therefore, does not in any way benefit the town of Benton. It is the recommendation of this trustee that the Library funds be reclassified as a town trust fund, the income from which shall be applied to the town cemeteries, school or highways as voted by the town. There should be included a proviso that if and when the Library is reestablished the principal would be withdrawn from its trust fund status and returned to Library use.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. LEONARD

Trustee of Library Funds

January 13, 1960

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Maurice Boardman Family		
Jan. 22	George Taylor, bread	\$ 2.88
Jan.29	Aldrich General Store, groceries	15.62
Feb. 7	E. J. Yeaton, kerosene	.23
	Gas to get groceries	2.00
		\$20.73

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

Overseer of Public Welfare

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, and Highway Agent and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

Auditor

January 30, 1960

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Expenses

Norris Store, groceries	\$15.15
E. B. Mann & Co., ice cream	7.00
George Taylor (baker), bread	1.36
Total	\$23.51

Donations

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, Sr.	\$ 5.00
Howard Tyler	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Dexter	1.00
Total	\$ 8.00
Paid by Town	
Norris Store	\$ 9.15
E. B. Mann, ice cream	7.00
George Taylor, bread	1.36
	\$17.51

With the balance of \$2.00 from donations we bought towels for the Community Building.

The East Ryegate Paper Co. gave us a roll of paper for our tables, which has helped us very much.

The 4-H Club bought the new dishes we have in the kitchen—another great help to us.

We wish to thank everyone that helped us in any way at Memorial Time.

Memorial Day Committee

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Year Ending January 1, 1960

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1962
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1961
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1960

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

Teacher

Mrs. Romina Boemig, Benton Street School, Grades 1-8

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the eighth day of March, 1960, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid

Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.

9. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN

JAMES LEONARD

MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON 1960-1961

	Paid Out 1958-59	Budget 1959-60	Paid Out to Jan. 1 '60	Proposed Budget 1960-61
Administration				
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers \$	64.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 66.00
2. Supt. Salary (Local Share)	40.87	50.00	47.39	60.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	46.00	40.00	54.00	55.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	45.33	50.00	45.38	50.00
5. Supplies and Expenses	69.80	60.00	46.51	65.00
Instruction				
6. Teacher's Salary	3,161.60	3,200.00	1,341.51	3,300.00
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	91.25	125.00	21.39	125.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	47.11	125.00	159.87	125.00
10. Supplies and Other Exps.		10.00		10.00
Operation of School Plant				
11. Salaries of Janitors	430.00	410.00	180.00	400.00
12. Fuel or Heat	97.50	100.00	120.00	120.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	64.32	85.00	35.88	85.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
14. Repairs & Replacements	114.31	75.00	140.10	125.00
Auxiliary Activities				
15. Health Supervision	82.97	85.00		85.00
16. Transportation	515.25	250.00	108.00	275.00
17. Tuition	3,840.00	2,800.00	1,237.00	3,400.00
Fixed Charges				
19. Retirement and Soc. Sec.	204.37	215.00	80.90	230.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Expenses	58.24	55.00	49.82	55.00
Capital Outlay				
23. New Equipment	47.09			
24. Contingency Fund		100.00		100.00
Bank Service Charge			3.82	
Loan to Town			303.00	
TOTAL	\$9,020.01	\$7,901.00	\$3,980.57	\$8,731.00

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE 1960-1961

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report

\$8,731.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1960	\$1,000.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	800.00
State Aid	3,288.15
Income from Tuitions	400.00
Income from Trust Funds	50.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,731.00 for the school year 1960-1961.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT

School Board

Recommended Motion:

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$8,731.00 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the Town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1958	\$ 105.19	
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	592.02	
State Aid: Foundation Aid	2,750.78	
Local Taxation:		
Current Appropriation	5,031.81	
Bal. Due on Prev. Approp.	246.72	
Adv. on next year's Approp.	70.35	
Other Sources:		
Elementary Tuition	185.00	
Trust Funds	58.25	
		\$9,040.12

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$9,020.01	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1959	20.11	
		\$9,040.12

July 1, 1959 to January 1, 1960

Receipts

Cash on Hand July 1, 1959	\$ 20.11	
State Aid	3,288.15	
Appropriation	653.00	
Other Receipts:		
Tuition	313.26	
National Forest Reserve	973.18	
		\$5,247.70

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$3,980.57	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1960	1,267.13	
		\$5,247.70

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1959

Assets

Cash on Hand June 30, 1959	\$20.11	
Accounts Due to District		
Overpayment of teacher's salary	47.24	
Excess of Liabilities over Assets	96.63	
		\$163.98

Liabilities

Accounts owed by District		
Advance on 1959-1960 Approp.	\$70.35	
Withholding not paid	72.30	
Soc. Sec., teacher's share not paid	13.28	
Soc. Sec., District's share not paid	8.05	
		\$163.98

STATISTICAL TABLE

for 1958-1959

	Total Enroll- ment	Total Average Attend- ance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attend- ance	Average Tardi- ness
Benton St.	16	15.2	.8	94.9	2.8

Roll of Perfect Attendance

None

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959

Cash on Hand July 1, 1958	\$ 105.19
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$5,348.88
Received from State Treasurer	
State Funds	2,750.78
Federal Funds	592.02
Received from Tuitions	185.00
Received as Income from	
Trust Funds	58.25
	8,934.93
Total Amount Available for	
Fiscal Year	9,040.12
Less School Board Orders Paid	9,020.01
Balance on Hand June 30, 1959	\$ 20.11

LENA COLLINS

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN

Auditor

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30th. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 34 during 1958-59 received a salary of \$7,600 which was made up as follows: \$4,250 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and \$3,350.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,100.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

District	Salary	Travel
Benton	\$ 40.87	\$ 13.42
Easton	46.73	15.34
Franconia	505.35	165.93
Landaff	84.59	27.77
Lincoln	1,166.97	383.19
Lisbon Special	992.94	326.04
Lisbon Town	261.80	85.97
Lyman	99.66	32.73
Sugar Hill	151.09	49.61
	\$3,350.00	\$1,100.00

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton School District:

I herewith submit my seventeenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1958-1959 was 16, the average membership was 16.0 and the percent of attendance was 94.89. One pupil attended on a tuition basis from the school district of Haverhill. There were 15 pupils enrolled in other districts; two pupils attended Plymouth High, one at Haverhill Academy, six at Woodsville High, two at Haverhill Elementary and four at Warren Elementary.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 21 which includes three tuition pupils from Haverhill, and two tuition pupils from Easton. There are three elementary pupils and one high school pupil attending Haverhill, two pupils attending Plymouth High School, three pupils enrolled at Warren, and two pupils attending Woodsville High School.

The enrollment at Benton this year is the largest for many years. About 1950 the attendance reached 21. Before the War, in the late 1930's, the attendance was as high as 32. During the years in between there have been from 8 to 15 pupils.

Let's all make a drive to put the School and Community Building in A-1 condition. There are several repairs to be made. The fence and the playground area do require attention. A new 50-star flag flying from the new staff Memorial Day will help make this Community Building the pride of Benton.

Mrs. Romina Boemig is completing her fifth year as teacher at the Benton School. Mrs. Boemig is to be

commended for her interest in the welfare of your children.

Benton receives tuition from the school districts of Easton and Haverhill. Mr. Gregory transports the two Tattersall children from Easton. We will receive about \$800 tuition, if the children complete the school year.

A word of appreciation to your School Board. Meetings are held as needed and the interests of your children are well cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES 1958-1959**

Administration

1. Salaries of District Officers		
Iona Boutin, Auditor	\$	6.00
Mildred Elliott, School Board		10.00
Ethel Boutin, School Board		
and Clerk		23.00
James Leonard, School Board		10.00
Lena Collins, Treasurer		15.00
	\$	64.00
2. Superintendent's Salary		
Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34		40.87
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
Treasurer, State of N. H.		46.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel		
Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34		
Superintendent's Secretary		32.33
Ethel Boutin, Census		8.00
Forrest Clark, Truant Officer		5.00
		45.33
5. Supplies and Expenses		
Treas., Supervisory Union #34		31.23
Forrest Clark, trip to		
Benton Flats		5.00
N. H. School Boards Assn., dues		5.00
Ethel Boutin, phone calls		4.90
Brown-Saltmarsh Co., vouchers		14.47
Lena Collins, postage		2.60
Bank Service Charge		6.60
		69.80

Instruction

6. Teacher's Salary		
Romina Boemig	2,472.20	
Collector of Internal Revenue	506.10	
Treasurer, State of N. H.	64.00	
N. H. Teachers Retirement	119.30	
		3,161.60
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids		
Arlo Publishing Co.	7.40	
Follett Publishing Co.	2.60	
World Book Co.	1.60	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	42.37	
American Educational Pubs.	14.00	
Bobbs-Merrill Co.	5.94	
American Book Co.	17.34	
		91.25
8. Scholars' Supplies		
Scrugg's Hardware, thermos jug	10.95	
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	.74	
The Peck Co.	4.69	
E. B. Mann & Co.	1.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	24.08	
Lisbon Special School District	5.65	
		47.11

Operation of School Plant

11. Salaries of Custodians		
Mildred Elliott		430.00
12. Fuel or Heat		
Ray Gregory, hauling	25.00	
James Page, fuel	72.50	
		97.50

13. Water, Light, Supplies and Exps.

N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	57.35
Aldrich General Store	3.02
Mildred Elliott, kerosene	2.50
Scrugg's Hardware	1.45

 64.32
Maintenance of School Plant

14. Repairs and Replacements

Lloyd Mason	20.00
Albert Boutin	13.00
Iona Boutin	20.00
Mildred Elliott	10.00
Scrugg's Hardware	35.11
John Elliott, Sr.	10.00
Wirthmore Stores	3.20
Maurice Boardman	3.00

 114.31
Auxiliary Activities

15. Health

Mrs. Owen Moulton, nurse	70.00
E. B. Mann & Co., supplies	12.97

 82.97

16. Transportation

Mildred Elliott	64.00
M. Anderson, Treas.	
Warren School District	220.00
W. Eichorn, Treas.,	
Haverhill School District	72.00
Lottie White	159.25

 515.25

17. Tuition

M. Connary, Treas.,	
Plymouth School District	650.00
C. Knox, Treas.,	
Woodsville School District	1,755.00
W. Eichorn, Treas.,	
Haverhill School District	695.00
M. Anderson., Treas.,	
Warren School District	740.00

 3,840.00
Fixed Charges

19. Retirement

Treasurer, Supervisory Union	
#34, Supt. Ret.	3.05
N. H. Dept. Public Welfare	1.00
N. H. Teachers Retirement	161.92
Treas., State of N. H., Soc. Sec.	38.40

 204.37

20. Insurance

R. T. Bartlett Ins. Agency	54.24
George Quig, Treas. Bond	4.00

 58.24
Capital Outlay

23. New Equipment

Floyd Hutchins, table	10.00
Beckley-Cardy Co., fire ext.	37.09

 47.09

TOTAL

 \$9,020.01

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Name of Father		Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
	Sex	Liv. or Stillborn				
January 4 Bonita Lee Ford	F	L	George Mllton Ford	Sylvia Jean Boardman	Benton	Lisbon, Ohio
July 20 Baby Boy Boutin	M	S	Albert Joseph Boutin	Mabel E. Guyette	Benton	Woodsville, N. H.
						Ryegate, Vt.
						Raymond, N. H.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date of Marriage and Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage		Occupation of Groom and Bride	Names of Parents	Name of person by whom married
		Age	Sex			
August 14 at Benton	Bruce J. Enderson Jeanette C. Elliott	19	L	Littleton, N. H.	U. S. Air Force	Rev. Ralph K. White
		17	B	Benton, N. H.	None	
					Roger F. Enderson Elaine S. Dickson John G. Elliott, Sr. Mildred Ball	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Date and Name of Deceased	Cause of Death	Age	Occupation	Name of	Maiden Name of Mother
		Sl., Mar., Wid.			
February					
16 Lilja Mary Hale	Carcinoma of Oesophagus with Metastases	46 M	Housewife	John Annala	Idah Salmine
March					
23 Oscar Gagnon	Acute Pul. Edema	61 D	Shoeworker	Edward Gagnon	Azilda Barron
25 Walter Brandt	Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis	58 S	None	Edward Brandt	Johanna Manning
27 George Burke	Arterio-Sclerotic Heart Disease	84 W	None	Paul Burke	Louise Clukay
May					
29 Napoleon Burke	Pneumonia	81 S	Laborer	Napoleon Burke	Laurie Garrett
July					
3 Nelson E. Coulombe	Pul. Corcinomatous Metastases	53 M	Carpenter	Alexander Coulombe	Georgia Boucher
30 Henry Kaitka	Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis	79 W	Mill Worker	Unknown	Unknown
August					
18 Henry A. Royce	Cerebral Hemorrhage	77 M	Farmer	John Royce	Jenette Welch
28 Joseph Cloutier	Respiratory Insufficiency	74 M	Woodsmen	Edward Cloutier	Elmina Pouliet
October					
2 Bernard Donnelly	Adv. Pul. Tuberculosis	71 M	Steward	Michael Donnelly	Ann Hughes
November					
4 Catherine Zela	Cardio-renal Disease	73 M	Mill Worker	Anthony Lewko	Anna ?

A Profile of the White Mountains Region Association

WHAT IS IT?

The WMRA is a voluntary, non-profit organization established in 1928 to promote the growth and prosperity of that section of New Hampshire known as the White Mountains Region which includes the towns of Albany, Bartlett, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Campton, Carroll, Chatham, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Conway, Dalton, Dummer, Easton, Ellsworth, Errol, Franconia, Gorham, Hart's Location, Haverhill, Jackson, Jefferson, Lancaster, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Milan, Monroe, Northumberland, Piermont, Pittsburg, Randolph, Shelburne, Stark, Stewartstown, Stratford, Thornton, Warren, Waterville, Wentworth's Location, Whitefield, Woodstock, and the city of Berlin.

WHO ARE ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS?

President: J. Arthur Sullivan, Berlin; **Vice Presidents:** George T. Noyes, Bethlehem, Frank D. Silvey, North Conway, and Alf Halvorsen, Berlin; **Clerk:** H. Holland Whitney, Jackson; **Treasurer:** Arthur Drake, Lancaster; **Directors:** Reginald M. Colby, Littleton; John H. Boothman, Randolph; Leonard Vancore, Colebrook; Randall E. Spalding, Whitefield; Wilbur M. Schurman, Lancaster; Joseph B. Dodge, Conway; Henry C. Waldo, Lincoln; Richard R. Rutherford, North Haverhill; Vernon R. Hawes, Pittsburg; and Enzo Serafini, Sugar Hill. **Executive Secretary:** Donald E. Sanborn, Jr., Lancaster.

WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

Its business office is in the National Bank Building, 5 Middle Street, Lancaster.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

Through its officers, directors, committees, town councilmen, and executive secretary, and by means of publicity and promotion, it works to improve those conditions upon which the North Country's economy depends.

SUCH AS?

The North Country's principal economic factors are industry, recreation and agriculture. Anything that contributes to the welfare and improvement of these general areas of business is the concern of the WMRA. It works independently and in cooperation with various trade associations, chambers of commerce, clubs, and local, state and federal agencies. Some recent WMRA activities include petitioning the Civil Aeronautics Board to reconsider its recent findings on air service to Berlin and North Conway; attendance at travel and sports shows in Springfield, Massachusetts, Hartford, Connecticut, and Montreal, Quebec, to sell the White Mountains Region to out-of-state tourists and sportsmen; contributing cash and prize awards to deserving North Country 4-H'ers; helping develop the New Hampshire page in the "Travel U. S. A. 1960" portfolio; setting up and conducting an industrial realtors' tour of the Region; answering hundreds of inquiries monthly and publishing and distributing six different folders annually (approximately 100,000 copies total) to promote travel to the Region.

IS THIS ALL?

No, indeed. These are merely representative activities. If you wish further information, we will be glad to send you our annual report, or discuss the matter with you personally.

January, 1960

DONALD E. SANBORN, JR., Executive Sec'y.

